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A Message from Superintendent Elkington

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, I am filled with hope in our work ahead. As you will see in this newsletter, we have talented, engaged, returning, and new staff working with our students and families. We will build off the multiple successes of the Class of 2023 at MBHS, Foster Tech Center Program completers, and several community members who completed Adult Ed requirements, all of whom are moving on from Mt. Blue through a variety of school, training, and work options. Our strategic plan is providing guidance and direction for developing longer-term solutions around curriculum and instruction, building maintenance, and technology in RSU 9. Lastly, we are focused on having all our students returning to regular, day-to-day attendance in RSU 9. We know that, starting with PreK, constant and consistent attendance at school is a major factor in a child's success for their future young adult and adult lives. In RSU 9 we work with all our students and their families, each and every day, to help them engage in our schools and thrive as "Every Day in School Matters."

Downloadable Calendars for 2023-24

- [2023/2024 District School Calendar](#)
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Every Day in School Matters

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Staff Awards to Start 2023-2024



Longevity Awards 10 Years

Nicole Ibarguen, Christine Gatto-Shea, Keith Acedo, Morgan Badeau, Michael Hanson, Leanne Angell, Emily Schank, Lynda Szenes, Cheriese Shanti, Cynthia Soucy, Sara Farmer, Rodney Spiller



Longevity Awards 25 Years

Valerie Floyd, Susie Balsamo, Margaret (Maggie) Scholl, Laurie Hastings, Kathlyn Childs



Longevity Award 35 Years

Delana Yeaton

w/ Glass Apple created by MBHS Alum, Matt Frost)

Staff Recognition

Our professional and support staff members of the month for July are:

- Isaac Libby ~ Tech I - Technology
- Joseph McPherson ~ Lead Custodian - WGM

Click [here](#) for a list of all previous honorees.

RSU 9 is hiring!

Have you ever considered working for RSU 9?

[Click here](#) for a complete list of job openings, information about each position, and to apply.



Outstanding District Educator
Vickie Lailer



Outstanding District Employee
Megan Hall



Outstanding Novice Educator
Nick Levenseller

RSU 9 News

Opening Day ~ August 28, 2023

We welcomed over 500 staff!



New Apprenticeship Program at FCTEC

Since January, the Foster CTE Center has been developing a new program that will get advanced students into apprenticeship programs, placing them on a solid career path within years of graduating high school. FCTEC is one of two school-based career and technical education programs to receive grant funding from the Maine Department of Labor for this program.

FCTEC will set up apprenticeships sites for students interested in developing their skillset in a particular trade. Kenway Composites is the first business to sign up for the program with two students, Kaleb Hutchinson (MBHS) and Tyler Spugnardi (SMHS), starting their apprenticeships in May. Other businesses, including HospitalityMaine, RLH Enterprises, and Hannaford, have expressed interest in getting involved. Although grant funding ends in December 2024, the plan is to build a sustainable program that will last beyond that date with assistance from DOL which is invested in the program.



Arts Award Recipient

Green Harrington, MBHS Junior, received an award from the National Arts Program, Maine Arts Commission at an August 29th ceremony held at the Burton Cross building in Augusta. This ceremony recognized State of Maine employees and their family's

contributions to the art world. Sculptures, paintings, photography, and art of all genres were represented. Green was presented with the First Place Award in the youth category. Specializing in ink on paper, with incredible detail of miniature drawings, his work was displayed with a magnifying glass to showcase the intricate lines of his drawing. Green is honored and plans to pursue art as his career.

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